

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC-(100-10461)

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS-R-CUBA

DATE: 7/2/64

~~LEAK OF INFORMATION AS CARRIED
IN "THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS"
JUNE 27 & 28, 1964~~

By telephone call 7/1/64, the Bureau instructed that a full investigation should be conducted concerning the obtaining and publication of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary by "The Dallas Morning News," as well as other documents published or the subsequent publication of any documents.

Specifically, the President's Commission made the following resolution on which the Bureau investigation is based:

"It was moved by Congressman FORD and seconded by Senator RUSSELL; resolved, that the Commission ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation to immediately make a thorough investigation of the publication of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary by 'The Dallas Morning News' and that it ascertain both the means used and the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the diary and its subsequent application, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation also be asked to make a like investigation of any similar publication that may occur in the immediate future. Motion was carried unanimously."

All persons interviewed in connection with this investigation should be advised that such investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the President's Commission.

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The publication of the documents seriously questions the integrity of all agencies and persons who have had access to the documents. Therefore, each person interviewed should be questioned specifically concerning the following, as well as other pertinent questions considered necessary:

1. Does the interviewee have any information indicating that a representative of the FBI was responsible for the leak?
2. Does the interviewee have any information indicating that any member of the President's Commission was responsible for such leak?
3. Does the interviewee have any information that any member of the U. S. Secret Service was responsible for the leak?
4. Does the interviewee have any information that any member of the Dallas Police Department was responsible for the leak?
5. Does the interviewee have any information that any member of the Dallas District Attorney's Office was responsible for the leak?
6. Does the interviewee have any information indicating any other person was responsible for the leak?

Airtels have been submitted to the Bureau daily since the publication of the diary and the information in such airtels contains the basis for many leads. In some instances, the source of information has furnished information only with the understanding his identity would be protected and, therefore, leads based on such information must be conducted with extreme care. Any Agent

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conducting an interview in connection with this matter should be thoroughly familiar with all the newspaper articles relating to it, a copy of each of which is available for review in SA GEMBERLING's office, as well as the various airtels relating to this matter.

At this time, the publication of the following described documents is involved in this investigation:

FBI Inventory Item No. 116, the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD;

FBI Inventory Item No. 406, a letter from the Communist Party, USA, signed ARNOLD JOHNSON, dated 7/31/63, addressed to L. H. OSWALD, P. O. Box 30061, New Orleans, Louisiana;

FBI Inventory Item No. 425, Undesirable Discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps, dated 9/13/60, for LEE HARVEY OSWALD;

FBI Inventory Item No. 444, World Health Organization, International Certificate of Vaccination, for LEE OSWALD, date stamped 6/8/63, and bearing signature of Doctor A. J. HIDEEL.

All four of the above-described documents were obtained in a search by the Dallas Police Department at 1026 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, on 11/22 - 23/63, with the exception of Item No. 116 (the diary), which was obtained in a search on the same dates by the Dallas Police Department at the residence of Mrs. RUTH PAYNE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas.

A review is presently being conducted to determine the specific dates on which the actual documents or photographs of same were made available to various agencies.

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The following is an outline of the individuals to be interviewed with a short resume' of specific matters to be covered with each. Other individuals of necessity will have to be interviewed as the investigation progresses. The results of interviews with each individual are to be immediately dictated on FD-302's, as a separate report in connection with instant phase has to be submitted:

1. E. M. "TED" DEALEY, Publisher, "The Dallas Morning News" -- Will ascertain if he will divulge the source of the information published and obtain specific answers from him with respect to the specific questions listed above.
2. JACK B. KREUGER, Editor, "The Dallas Morning News" -- Same as #1 above.
3. HUGH AYNESWORTH, Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News," who wrote the articles in question. Will ascertain from him his source of the documents and detailed circumstances of same, as well as the general questions listed above. Will explore his relationship with other reporters, as well as his relationship with Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER. Certain information available concerning background of AYNESWORTH should be kept in mind, but care must be taken not to divulge any source who has requested his name be kept confidential.

Determine from AYNESWORTH the identity of any other reporters that might be involved, keeping in mind that LARRY GROVE, a reporter for "The Dallas Morning News," is a close associate of AYNESWORTH and reportedly, on 6/17/64, told a CBS crew about OSWALD's diary and indicated he could obtain same if such crew was interested, but that it would have to be back at its place within a day or so. The source of this information must remain confidential and no specific

reference can be made to this offer.

4. LARRY GROVE, Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News" -- Interview with him should be conducted with extreme care, using an approach that he is known to be a close associate of AYNESWORTH, and inquire generally of him as to whether he knows anything about instant matter.
5. CARL FREUND, Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News" -- He has written several articles relating to the assassination and an anonymous source has advised that "SNOOKY" DAVIS, an investigator in the Dallas District Attorney's Office and a close associate of Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER, was the individual who originally picked up the diary and reproduced six copies of it, one copy of which was given to CARL FREUND. This anonymous caller indicated that \$15,000 changed hands and that Assistant District Attorney ALEXANDER had the remaining four copies. (See teletype to Bureau, 7/1/64)
6. FORREST V. SORRELS, U. S. Secret Service, Dallas -- Obtain all information he has concerning the publication of instant matter, covering the general questions outlined above and obtain as much information as possible concerning the dates U. S. Secret Service received documents or photographs of the documents and their subsequent handling of same. Any other employees of U. S. Secret Service deemed necessary should be interviewed.

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7. Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas
Police Department;
Captain WILL FRITZ, Assistant Chief of
Police;
CHARLES BATCHELOR, Assistant Chief of Police.

Interviews with Dallas Police Department personnel, as well as any others deemed pertinent, should be conducted concerning the general questions listed above and for specifics as to the dates they received documents or copies of same, from whom, and the subsequent handling of such documents or photographs and the dissemination of same. In each instance, they should be questioned as to any receipts received for any dissemination made by them.

8. District Attorney HENRY WADE,
Assistant District Attorney A. D. "JIM" BOWIE;
Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER;
"SNOOKY" DAVIS, Investigator for District Attorney's Office.

The general questions above should be covered with each of these individuals and each specifically interrogated as to when, what and from whom they obtained any documents, and the complete details in connection therewith. The possibility that "SNOOKY" DAVIS should be interviewed first should be considered. It should be borne in mind that, at the time of the publication of the diary, Mr. WADE was on vacation, and that immediately upon Mr. WADE's return publicity has indicated that Mr. ALEXANDER is on vacation. The newspaper articles have reflected that Mr. WADE did have the diary and that the Recordak Company in Dallas made copies of certain documents for the District Attorney's Office.